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1. Prototypa National Enterprise in Brno [For location see Annex A] was a plant for planning, designing, and constructing the prototypes of all kinds of textile machines operating in Czechoslovakia. (Regular production of textile machines took place in other plants.) Prototypa was under the jurisdiction of the Main Administration for Machine Tools, a department of the Ministry of Heavy Machinery.
2. The Prototypa plant was established in 1945 by a government decision, and its employees were taken mainly from the Brno Armament Works National Enterprise [Zbrojovka Brno, n.p.]. Before the Prototypa plant was set up, several meetings were held at what was then called the Central Management [Generalni Reditelstvi] of the Czechoslovak textile plants in Prague. The activities of the Prototypa plant on the one hand and of the other textile machinery plants on the other hand were coordinated there. About 100 designers were employed with the Prototypa plant. They worked zealously but completely disregarded the experiences of the other textile machinery plants. Only professors of Czechoslovak technical colleges were consulted, while the advice of industrial experts was not taken. This policy resulted in many mistakes which caused millions of crowns worth of damage. One result of this policy was that many obsolete, superseded types of various textile machines were produced. The prototype of a loom for woollens was not sufficiently tested, and a great number of machines produced from this prototype in 1948, 1949, and 1950 did not work and were useless.
3. The production program of the Prototypa plant included chiefly the following machines:

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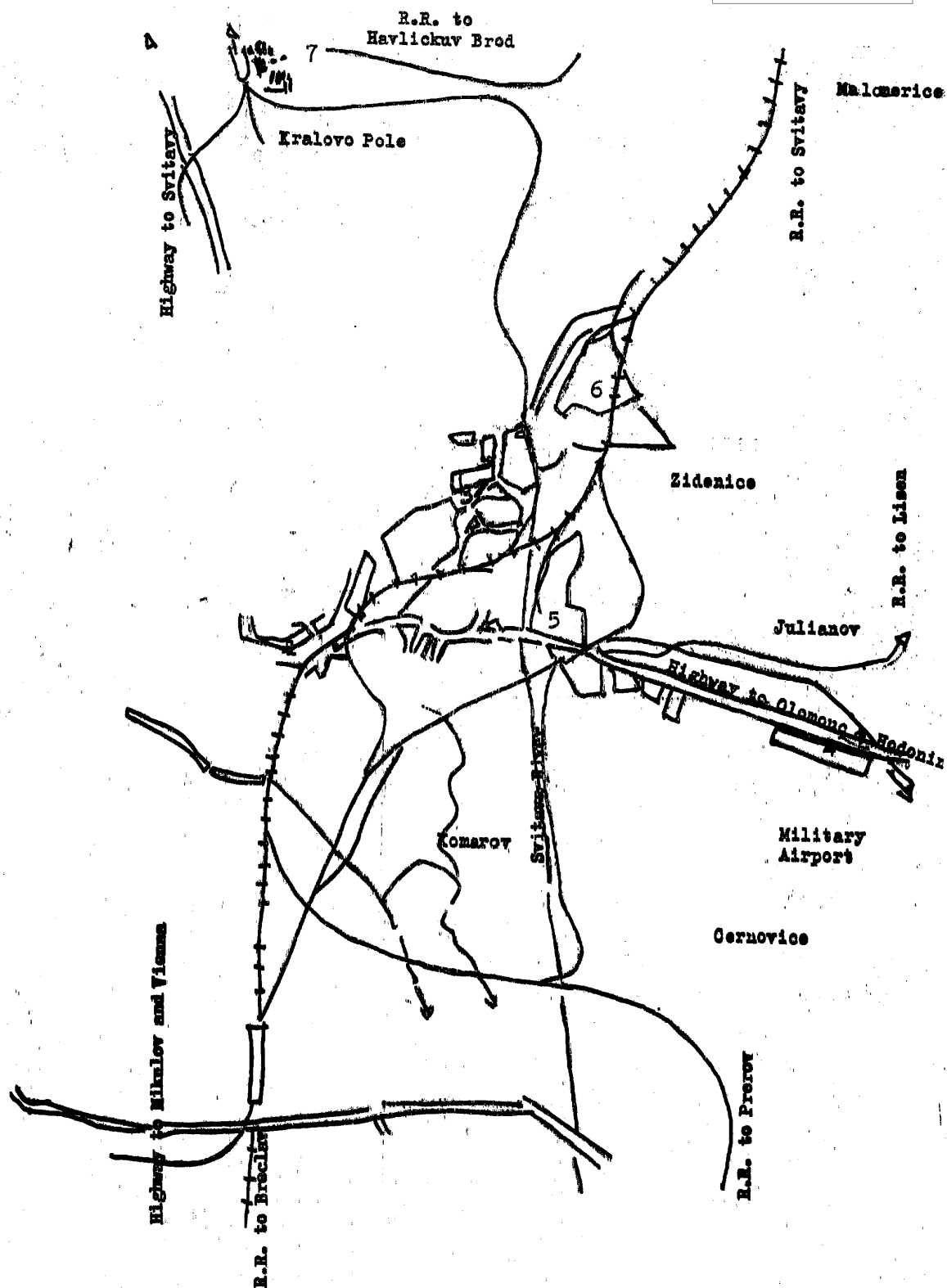
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- a. High-speed spooling machines for cotton
 - b. Automatic spooling machines for cotton and woolen weft
 - c. Shearing machines
 - d. Flat knitting machines of the Lamb type
 - e. Circular knitting machines for jersey and interlock fabric
 - f. Looms for rayon warp fabric
 - g. Uptwisters for silk and rayon
 - h. Automatic cotton looms
 - i. Automatic woolen looms
4. The fact that in the summer of 1952 the Brno Armament Works cancelled production of all kinds of textile machinery made there up till then [redacted] must have influenced the production program of the [redacted] 25X1
Prototypa plant considerably. At any rate, [redacted] designing 25X1
of textile machinery there was curtailed as the result of this
measure, [redacted]

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Prototypa, National Enterprise, in Brno.

Plan of the city of Brno with the location of the Prototypa plant and other major installations.

1. Main RR station
2. Prototypa, National Corporation
3. Textile Research Institute
4. Military barracks
5. Klement Gottwald First Machinery Plant of the City of Brno
6. Brno Armament Works, National Corporation
7. Kralovo Pole Machinery Plant, Klement Gottwald Works

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